

**SALINA CITY CORPORATION
COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2015**

COUNCIL AND STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Dustin Deaton
Dwayne Brown
Becky Lopshire
Jed Maxwell
Scott Johnson
Earl Taylor

Sherri Westbrook, City Recorder
Police Chief Eric Pratt, came at 7:50 pm

VISITORS PRESENT FOR COUNCIL MEETING:

Steven Clark; CentraCom Update

Mayor Dustin Deaton called the regular city council meeting to order at 7:02 pm at the Salina City Hall, welcomed everyone present and led the pledge of allegiance. **Scott Johnson** offered the opening prayer.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes September 9, 2015, was motioned for approval by **Jed Maxwell**. **Scott Johnson** seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0. **Scott Johnson** and **Becky Lopshire** abstained.

Approval of Work Meeting Minutes September 9, 2015, was motioned for approval by **Scott Johnson**. **Dwayne Brown** seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0. **Earl Taylor** and **Becky Lopshire** abstained.

Approval of Work Meeting Minutes January 28, 2015, was motioned for approval by **Earl Taylor**. **Jed Maxwell** seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0. **Dwayne Brown** and **Scott Johnson** abstained.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes February 25, 2015, was motioned for approval by **Jed Maxwell**. **Earl Taylor** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes March 11, 2015, was tabled.

Approval of Bills Submitted for Payment was motioned by **Scott Johnson**. **Becky Lopshire** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

VISITORS:

Steven Clark; CentraCom Update, Clark stated that this year is the tenth anniversary since CentraCom purchased the old cable company Presus. Clark gave a quick rundown of the improvements that have been made since the purchase of Presus and what is available now compared to what was available ten years ago. Clark thanked the council and mayor and complimented Salina City on being very cooperative and easy to work with.

AGENDA TOPICS:

Mayor Dustin Deaton, Resolution R148-2015: Municipal Wastewater Planning Program Resolution, Dwayne Brown motioned to pass Resolution R148-2015. **Becky Lopshire** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Mayor Dustin Deaton, Acquired costs at Love's due to water line break, Mayor Deaton explained that when the main water line break occurred at the south water tank, the whole upper zone was out of water for almost two days. During that two day period Loves had portable restrooms brought in because the restrooms at their facility were not in operation due to the water outage. Loves is asking if the city would consider paying the bill for the portable restrooms. The On the Go Services bill for the portable restrooms is \$421.43. **Scott Johnson** motioned to pay the bill to On the Go Services for the portable restrooms. **Earl Taylor** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Mayor Dustin Deaton, Resolution R149-2015: A resolution relating to the culinary water system of Salina City affecting water rates, Earl Taylor asked about testing the quality of the water before moving forward on the project. **Mayor Deaton** explained that the loan is not contingent on a good water source. He said a test drill will be made at the proposed well site and then if it is not adequate then the well site will be moved to another location. Salina City needs to acquire the water rights before any tests can be done. **Jed Maxwell** expressed his concern about possibly raising sewer rates in the near future after just raising water rates. He would like to do it all at one time. **Earl Taylor** asked to table the resolution until some questions can be answered regarding the new water rights and the water quality. He stated that he felt some of the questions raised at the public hearing were valid questions and did not get answered. Taylor questioned that the new water source would not be enough to sustain the city's water demand if the current system were to fail due to a major line break. **Mayor Deaton** explained the way the system would work and explained that if a well was drilled at Lost Creek by our current source the costs to pipe it to town would not be feasible. The second source would help with keeping the storage up so there would be more storage if there were a main line break on the current system. **Earl Taylor** stated that he was satisfied that the questions are answered and he is willing to pass the resolution. **Earl Taylor** motioned to accept Resolution R149-2015 service or user fee to take effect on December 15, 2015. **Scott Johnson** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Mayor Dustin Deaton, Discussion on \$3.00 charge for swimming pool, Mayor Deaton explained that he doesn't feel the city is at a point to move on with this issue at this time. He is still looking into a couple different avenues. **Jed Maxwell** suggested starting to get bids on the work that needs to be done so that a number can be established and then get with Redmond & Aurora to see if they would like to participate in the costs. If they choose to not participate then the city can do what needs to be done at that point. **Scott Johnson** stated that he does have some bids so that process has been started. **Mayor Deaton** tabled this item.

Police Chief

Eric Pratt: Hiring of new police officer, tabled until later in the meeting.

**Planning and Zoning
Chairperson,**

**Maintenance Supervisor
Troy Pollock:**

COUNCIL MEMBER BUSINESS,

Earl Taylor,

Becky Lopshire,

Dwayne Brown, October 2015 Court Report, Brown presented the Court Report for October 2015. Total collected was \$9,275.00 with Salina City's portion \$5,186.67. **Dwayne Brown** motioned to accept the Court Report for October 2015. **Becky Lopshire** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Dwayne Brown, Miss Mary's Museum grant, Brown informed the council that Don Hartley from the State Historical Society came down and talked about Miss Mary's Museum. There is a matching grant available for up to \$10,000.00. It is not a competitive grant. 50% of the match amount can be in kind. This grant can only be used for the outside of the building. He would like two estimates on everything. He walked around the outside of the building and made several suggestions. He suggested doing the entire roof but to use a different style of shingles to make it look more authentic to that time. **Brown** explained that the applications are available in January, they will award the grant in April and then you will have from April 2016 through August 2018 to complete the project. It is a reimbursable grant. The program would span over three separate fiscal years. Brown stated that Hartley indicated that he would like to have all the

reimbursements made in one. He would rather not have several small pay outs. Matt Murphree attended the meeting with Hartley and Murphree is willing to work on filing for the grant. **Brown** will get some cost estimates on the roof and then go from there.

Scott Johnson,

Jed Maxwell,

Mayor Deaton explained that Mitch Blackham, the officer that was just hired, has chosen to take another job.

So that puts the city back in the position of having to hire another officer. It is becoming more difficult for law enforcement agencies to find applicants for law enforcement officers. Chief Pratt feels like Salina City is in a position where it needs to offer more money to a peace officer to come to Salina. It is getting difficult to compete against other agencies in the area. Mayor Deaton stated that Chief Pratt does an excellent job as chief and stays within his budget. He feels that Chief Pratt is capable of making the decisions needed to attract quality applicants. Mayor Deaton asked the council if they would like to participate in a discussion about the hiring process with Chief Pratt or just trust him to handle the process. Council agreed to let Chief Pratt handle the hiring without their interference.

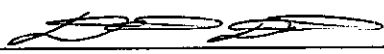
Police Chief

Eric Pratt: Hiring of new police officer, Chief Pratt thanked the Mayor and Council for their confidence. He explained the situation that Blackham was in and why he is taking the other position. He is confident that with an increased wage he will be able to attract some more qualified applicants. Pratt proposed moving some funds from the Part Time budget to the Full Time budget and change the shift hours to help with coverage and call outs.

Jed Maxwell motioned to move into Executive Meeting at 8:42 pm. **Scott Johnson** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Executive Meeting: Strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property when public discussion of the transaction would disclose the appraisal or estimated value of the property under consideration or prevent the public body from completing the transaction.

Jed Maxwell motioned to adjourn the city council meeting at 8:44 p.m. The motion was seconded by **Earl Taylor**. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Date 12/9/2015 Mayor 

Date 12/9/15 Recorder 